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Trump Extends Iran Sanctions Waiver But Wants Deal Remade

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Coastal Senators Seek Ban On Drilling In Northeastern US

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Fracking Case Now Moot, Ute Indian Tribe Tells 10th Circ.

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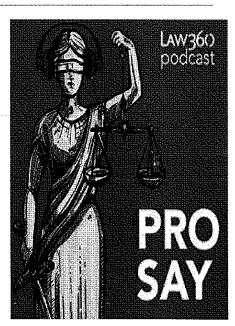
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The U.S. Supreme Court shocked the tax bar Friday by accepting South Dakota's direct challenge to the court's 1992 ruling that retailers must have a physical presence within a state to be liable for collection and remittance of use taxes, signaling the court's willingness to rethink that precedent in the age of internet sales. Read more »

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The Public Finance Industry Dodged A Tax Reform Bullet

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The Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States was the subject of more focus, change and consequence in 2017 than it had been in at least a decade. It appears that the significant CFIUS developments last year soon may be followed by formal legal changes, say attorneys with Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati PC. Read more »

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New Jersey is one of the most competitive and heavily regulated states in terms of health care, making it a good barometer for how the industry is evolving nationally. As physicians and medical groups deal with issues like flat reimbursement from insurance providers and the rapidly rising costs of operating a medical practice, the ways in which doctors deliver health care will continue to change in 2018, says John Fanburg of Brach Eichler LLC. Read more »

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Given the incentives to organize vertically, California cannabis regulators will need to identify and challenge harmful vertical integration, but allow efficiency-improving integration in cannabis markets and revise regulations to reduce inefficiencies, says Georgina Moreno of Econ One Research Inc. Read more »

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Little attention has been paid to a provision of the new tax law that requires federal agencies to specify, at the time of settlement of government claims, the portion of the settlement that may be deductible as a business expense. This is sure to impact False Claims Act and other settlements involving the government going forward, say attorneys with Fried Frank Harris Shriver & Jacobson LLP. Read more »

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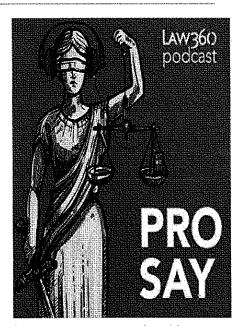
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A half dozen Native American tribes in Virginia could soon be recognized by the federal government after the U.S. Senate on Thursday approved a measure to have the United States formally acknowledge them, sending the bill to President Donald Trump's desk. Read more »

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Analysis

Justices Likely To Set New Tax Standard For Remote Vendors

The U.S. Supreme Court shocked the tax bar Friday by accepting South Dakota's direct challenge to the court's 1992 ruling that retailers must have a physical presence within a state to be liable for collection and remittance of use taxes, signaling the court's willingness to rethink that precedent in the age of internet sales. Read more »

EXPERT ANALYSIS

The Public Finance Industry Dodged A Tax Reform Bullet

The passage of the tax bill brought an end to a nearly two-month rollercoaster ride that had the public finance industry white-knuckled and a little green in the face. The final bill belied initial assurances that tax reform "won't touch tax-exempt bonds,? D but the end result could have been a lot worse, say Victoria Ozimek

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A Momentous Year For CFIUS: Part 1

The Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States was the subject of more focus, change and consequence in 2017 than it had been in at least a decade. It appears that the significant CFIUS developments last year soon may be followed by formal legal changes, say attorneys with Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati PC. Read more »

NJ? 9s Evolving Health Care Arena: Trends To Watch In 2018

New Jersey is one of the most competitive and heavily regulated states in terms of health care, making it a good barometer for how the industry is evolving nationally. As physicians and medical groups deal with issues like flat reimbursement from insurance providers and the rapidly rising costs of operating a medical practice, the ways in which doctors deliver health care will continue to change in 2018, says John Fanburg of Brach Eichler LLC. Read more »

Balancing Vertical Integration In Calif.'s Cannabis Industry

Given the incentives to organize vertically, California cannabis regulators will need to identify and challenge harmful vertical integration, but allow efficiency-improving integration in cannabis markets and revise regulations to reduce inefficiencies, says Georgina Moreno of Econ One Research Inc. Read more »

How Tax Reform Will Change FCA Settlements

Little attention has been paid to a provision of the new tax law that requires federal agencies to specify, at the time of settlement of government claims, the portion of the settlement that may be deductible as a business expense. This is sure to impact False Claims Act and other settlements involving the government going forward, say attorneys with Fried Frank Harris Shriver & Jacobson LLP. Read more »

5 Advertising Law Trends To Watch In 2018

Legal and technological disruptions in the advertising space last year outpaced the development of prior years. Although many topics contributed to this industry upheaval, there are five trends that shaped 2017 and will continue to develop in the coming years, say Jason Gordon and Andrew Levad of Reed Smith LLP. Read more »

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New Group To Probe Workplace Harassment In Federal Courts

The Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts has launched a working group to examine the policies in place to protect employees of the federal judiciary from workplace harassment, the office announced on Friday. Read more »

High Court Vet Joins Quinn Emanuel From Kirkland

U.S. Supreme Court heavy hitter Chris Landau is moving to Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP after 25 years at Kirkland & Ellis LLP, joining a growing appellate group formed by his former Harvard law professor Kathleen Sullivan. Read more »

Final Dewey Cooperator Gets No Jail Time

The final cooperator in the Manhattan district attorney's criminal case against former executives at the once prominent law firm of Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP was sentenced to unconditional release on Friday, presumably ending the saga that absorbed the legal industry. Read more »

Up Next At High Court: Betraying A Client, Appellate Rules

A lawyer's courtroom betrayal of his client in a Louisiana murder trial is likely the juiciest item on the Supreme Court's oral argument calendar this week, but other cases involving the right of appeal in consolidated cases and a controversial question under the Fair Labor Standards Act could have major implications for the appellate and employment bars. Here's what to expect. Read more »

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The head of a conservative think tank slammed attacks against the Federal Communications Commission's Republican chairman over the agency's vote to repeal net neutrality, federal immigration officials inspected almost 100 7-Eleven stores across the country, and lawmakers in various states proposed legislation to quell workplace sexual harassment. These are some of the stories in corporate legal news you may have missed in the past week. Read more »

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Dear Whip Patton,

Walmart has announced that it is significantly expanding maternity and parental leave benefits for its Walmart and Sam's Club associates statewide, providing full-time hourly associates in the U.S. with 10 weeks of paid maternity leave and six weeks of paid parental leave, both at 100 percent of their average weekly wage. Walmart also introduced a new adoption benefit, available to all full-time associates, totaling \$5,000 per child for expenses such as adoption agency fees, translation fees and legal or court costs. The changes place Walmart as one of the leading companies in America when it comes to parental leave.

Additionally, associates in Ohio will soon receive pay increases and bonuses totaling \$12.7M. The increased wages and benefits in Ohio are part of Walmart's Jan. 11 announcement that it is raising the starting wage rate for hourly associates across the country to \$11. Walmart also announced it will provide a one-time cash bonus of up to \$1,000 to eligible associates. The combined wage and benefit changes will benefit the company= 2s more than one million U.S. hourly associates.

Attached is a full copy of the press release, detailing the expanded maternity and parental leave benefits as well as pay increases.

Respectfully,

Erik Hingst

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Walmart to Raise Wages, Provide One-Time Bonus and Expand Hourly Maternity and Parental Leave for Associates in Ohio

More than 1 million associates benefit from combined wage and benefit changes, including more than 30,000 Walmart associates in Ohio

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Jan. 22, 2018 – Recently, Walmart announced plans to increase the starting wage rate for all hourly associates in the U.S. to \$11, expand maternity and parental leave benefits and provide a one-time cash bonus for eligible associates of up to \$1,000. The company is also creating a new benefit to assist associates with adoption expenses. The combined wage and benefit changes will benefit the company's more than one million U.S. hourly associates, **including approximately 30,687 Walmart associates in Ohio.**

"We are building on investments we've been making in associates, in their wages and skills development," said Doug McMillon, Walmart president and CEO. "It's our people who make the difference and we appreciate how they work hard to make every day easier for busy families."

Associates will continue to hear more from their managers in the coming days about details. But, broadly, associates in Ohio are receiving the following benefits:

- A one-time bonus benefiting all eligible full and part-time hourly associates in the U.S.
 The amount of the bonus will be based on length of service, with associates with at least 20 years qualifying for \$1,000. In Ohio, approximately 30,687 Walmart and Sam's Club associates are expected to be eligible for the one-time cash bonus, which is estimated to total \$12,729,150.
- An increase in Walmart's starting wage rate to \$11 an hour, effective in the Feb. 17, 2018, pay cycle. The change is in addition to wage increases already planned for many U.S. markets in the coming fiscal year. The increase applies to all hourly associates in the U.S., including stores, Sam's Clubs, eCommerce, logistics and Home Office. Approximately 22,159 Walmart and Sam's Club associates in Ohio are expected to receive a wage increase, which is estimated to total more than \$36.9 million. Walmart's new average hourly wage for full-time associates in Ohio will be \$13.93.
- An expanded parental and maternity leave policy, providing full-time hourly associates in the U.S. with 10 weeks of paid maternity leave and six weeks of paid parental leave.
 Salaried associates will also receive six weeks of paid parental leave.
- Walmart will provide financial assistance to associates adopting a child. The adoption benefit, available to both full-time hourly and salaried associates, will total \$5,000 per child and may be used for expenses such as adoption agency fees, translation fees and legal or court costs.

"The Ohio Council of Retail Merchants is pleased to see Ohio's largest private job provider reinvesting in our retail workforce," said President and CEO Gordon Gough. "It's proof that good public policy and meaningful tax reform can make a difference in the lives of all Ohioans."

About Walmart

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. (NYSE: WMT) helps people around the world save money and live better - anytime and anywhere - in retail stores, online, and through their mobile devices. The company's legal name will become Walmart Inc., effective on Feb. 1, 2018, to reflect its growing status as an omni-channel retailer. Each week, over 260 million customers and members visit our more than 11,600 stores under nearly 60 banners in 28 countries and eCommerce websites. With fiscal year 2017 revenue of \$485.9 billion, Walmart employs approximately 2.3 million associates worldwide. Walmart continues to be a leader in sustainability, corporate philanthropy and employment opportunity. Additional information about Walmart can be found by visiting http://corporate.walmart.com, on Facebook at http://facebook.com/walmart and on Twitter at http://facebook.com/walmart and on Twitter at http://facebook.com/walmart and on Twitter at http://facebook.com/walmart.

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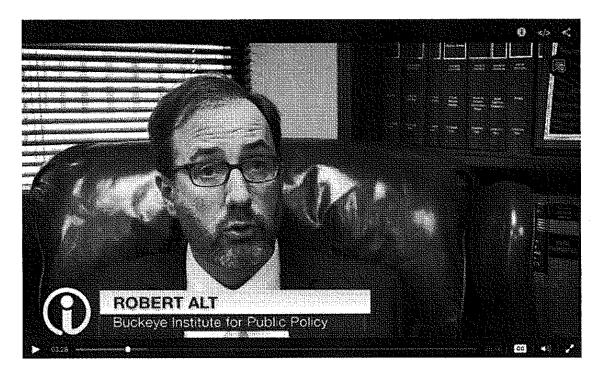
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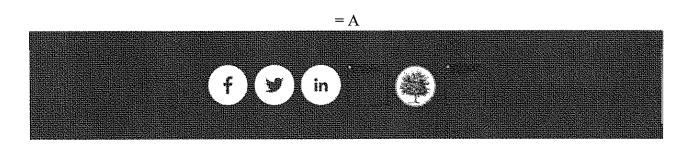
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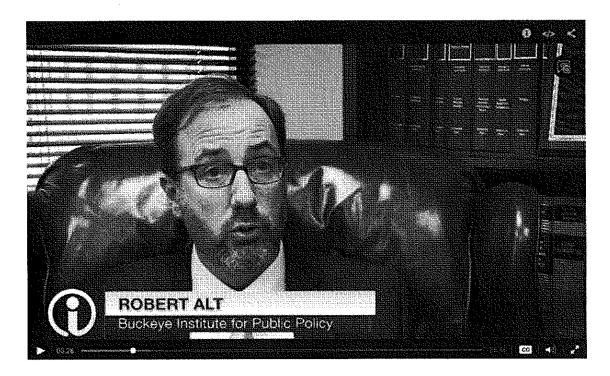
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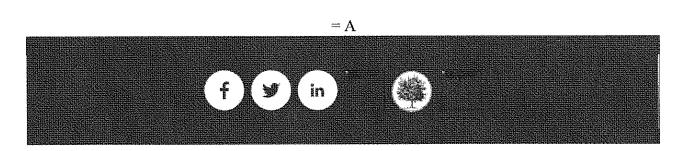
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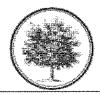
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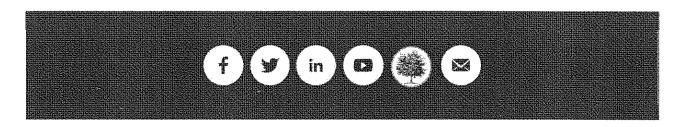
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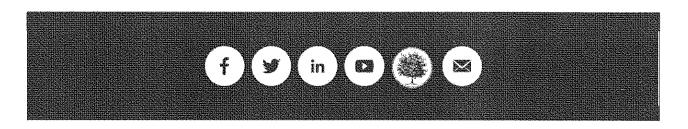
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Tillerson To Cut Exxon Ties If Confirmed As Sec. Of State

Now-former Exxon Mobil Corp. CEO Rex Tillerson will give up control of hundreds of millions of dollars in stock awards and other compensation perks as part of a deal to sever all ties with his former company if he is confirmed as U.S. secretary of state, ExxonMobil said on Tuesday.

NJ Wind Farm Misses Deadline, Shot At \$40M In DOE Funding

A proposed 24-megawatt wind farm off the coast of Atlantic City, New Jersey, remains dead in the water after the company behind the plan missed a year-end deadline that would've made \$40 million in U.S. Department of Energy funding available for the project, the agency said Wednesday.

Calif. High Court Hears CEQA Row Over Coastal Project

A conservancy group asked the California Supreme Court Wednesday to reverse a lower court's finding that Newport Beach properly approved the building of housing and shops on undeveloped coastland known as the Banning Ranch, arguing the city violated the California Environmental Quality Act by failing to identify sensitive wildlife habitats on the site in its environmental impact report.

EPA Will Review Drilling Waste Regs To Settle Enviros' Suit

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has agreed to review and potentially update its oil and gas drilling waste disposal rules to settle a suit brought by environmental groups, a move blasted by a Texas energy regulator Tuesday as unnecessarily trampling over state regulation of drilling waste disposal.

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HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES

Congress Takes First Steps To Repeal Affordable Care Act

Congressional Republicans took the first votes on the path to repealing the Affordable Care Act on Wednesday, as Vice President-elect Mike Pence promised that repeal will be the "first order" of the new administration.

HHS Must Clear Hospital Appeals Backlog, Judge Rules

A D.C. federal judge refused Wednesday to rescind an order requiring the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to clear a huge backlog of hospital billing claims, despite government assertions that meritless claims will inevitably be paid.

MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT

Fla. Bill Specifies That Fantasy Sports Are Not Gambling

A bill filed Wednesday in the Florida House of Representatives renews efforts to legalize payto-play daily fantasy sports in the state, with the sponsor saying he hopes a simplified approach will lead to passage where proposals introduced in 2016 failed.

Clock Starts On Maryland Daily Fantasy Sports Regulations

Maryland has adopted a series of daily fantasy sports regulations, the state Office of the Comptroller announced Tuesday, becoming the latest state to regulate the industry amid uncertainty over the legality of contests.

PRIVACY

Former Federal Officials Want Probe Into Russia Hacks

A group of prominent former intelligence and foreign policy officials called on Congress on Wednesday to establish an independent commission to investigate Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election, saying independent study was necessary to properly understand "what we can do to protect our democracy."

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

GWB Defendants Ask Court To Toss Novel Convictions

Two people convicted in the George Washington Bridge lane-closing scandal urged a New Jersey federal court Tuesday to toss the guilty verdict based on a recent First Circuit decision, saying that ruling shows courts are reining in such novel uses of federal criminal statutes.

EMPLOYMENT

NLRB Says 6th Circ. Wrong To OK County Right-To-Work Law

The Sixth Circuit wrongly interpreted labor law and broke with about seven decades of legal precedent when it upheld the Hardin County, Kentucky, right-to-work ordinance, the National Labor Relations Board said in a recent amicus brief asking the appellate court to review the decision en banc.

PRIVACY & CONSUMER PROTECTION

White House Revamps Breach Response, Reporting Policies

The White House on Tuesday laid out updated parameters for federal agencies to follow when preparing for and responding to data breaches and for complying with a federal statute that governs the disclosure of the personal information they hold.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

CBO Says Trump's 350-Ship Navy Plan To Cost \$25B Per Year

President-elect Donald Trump ₹ 0s plan for a 350-vessel U.S. Navy could cost around \$25 billion per year, well above the historical average for Navy shipbuilding, and would likely need assistance from Congress, the Congressional Budget Office said in a report Wednesday.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

With Steel Under Scrutiny, US Keeps Monitoring Tool In Place

The U.S. Department of Commerce will grant a five-year extension to a popular steel import monitoring program, the agency revealed Wednesday, keeping in place a valuable tool for a domestic industry that is fiercely at odds with its overseas competitors.

Small ISPs Ask Pols For Relief From FCC Transparency Rules

Four trade associations representing small cable, broadband and wireless groups asked several lawmakers Tuesday to move forward with legislation to prevent heightened Federal Communications Commission transparency rules from going into effect for small providers, saying their members need certainty.

Azevedo Sees No Opposition In Bid To-Remain WTO Chief

Current World Trade Organization Director-General Roberto Azevedo will have no challengers in his effort to secure a second term as the top man in Geneva, the WTO revealed Wednesday.

TAX

Democrats Seek To Block Trump Nominees' Tax Dodges

Four Democratic U.S. senators have reintroduced legislation that would prevent

President-elect Donald Trump's cabinet nominees, several of whom are billionaires, from avoiding millions in taxes when selling assets to comply with ethics rules, according to a Tuesday statement.

Md. Bill Aims To Force Prez Contenders To Reveal Tax Info

Two Maryland Democrats said Tuesday they are introducing a state bill that would require U.S. presidential candidates to release their tax returns to appear on the Maryland ballot, joining other lawmakers in floating legislation as a response to President-elect Donald Trump's refusal to disclose his tax records.

IMMIGRATION

Holder, Covington To Help Calif. Resist Trump Changes

Covington & Burling LLP partner and former U.S. Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. will lead the charge in advising the California Legislature on legal challenges from the incoming administration in areas including immigration, health care and the environment, state legislative leaders said Wednesday.

DACA Personal Info Can't Be Used For Deportation, DHS Says

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson has told federal lawmakers that the personal information provided by hundreds of thousands of young immigrants in applications for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program should not be used to deport them except in extreme circumstances.

NATIVE AMERICAN

Ariz. Tribe Asks Judge to Reconsider In Casino Fight

The Tohono O'odham Nation pressed a federal judge on Tuesday to rethink denying its bid for a quick win a suit against the head of Arizona's

gambling department over its right to offer Las Vegas-style gambling near Phoenix, a decision that set the stage for a trial this year.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

FCC OKs Univision Foreign Ownership Over 25 Percent Limit

The Federal Communications Commission on Tuesday agreed to allow foreign ownership of Univision Holdings Inc. beyond the usual 25 percent limit, permitting business partner Grupo Televisa S.A.B. a larger stake and finding that the ruling won't hurt the public interest.

Obama Renominates Rosenworcel To Second FCC Term

President Barack Obama nominated recently departed Federal Communications Commission Democrat Jessica Rosenworcel to another term on Wednesday, one day after she finished her first term and two weeks before Republican President-elect Donald Trump takes office.

Senators Question Charter, Comcast On Misleading Fees

The top Democrat and Republican on the Senate's Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations said Tuesday that they have sought information from Comcast Corp. and Charter Communications Inc. over confusing bill fees and promotional advertising.

EXPERT ANALYSIS

Key Goals For The Next Secretary Of Transportation

President-elect Trump has stated his intent to nominate Elaine Chao as his secretary of transportation. Chao is the wife of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and a consummate Washington insider. To achieve success, she must be a visionary, creative and aggressive leader who will work with a diverse group of stakeholders and hold Congress

accountable in key areas, says Kathryn Thomson of Morrison & Foerster LLP.

Time To Reopen Some DOJ Antitrust Field Offices

President-elect Donald Trump has pledged to spend up to \$1 trillion upgrading America's infrastructure. To help ensure that money is spent free from corruption, the incoming administration should reopen at least two of the four Antitrust Division field offices that were shuttered in January 2013, says Robert Connolly of GeyerGorey LLP.

Small-Employer Relief In Cures Act Includes A Few Hurdles

Tucked at the very end of the recently enacted 21st Century Cures Act is a provision allowing certain small employers to offer their employees a health reimbursement arrangement that need not be "integrated" with a group health plan. Employers should understand, however, that this new vehicle comes with a raft of restrictions, says Kenneth Mason of Spencer Fane LLP.

The Future Of SEC Administrative Proceedings

Last week, the Tenth Circuit in Bandimere v. U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission found that the SEC歹 0s use of administrative law judges violated the U.S. Constitution. The decision is a significant one, but it may not be the final word, say attorneys with Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP.

US Sanctions Against Russia: Outlook Under President Trump

President-elect Donald Trump has expressed admiration for Russian President Vladimir Putin, leading many to speculate that Trump's administration may relax U.S. sanctions against Russia. However, Congress has a less favorable view of Russia's role in world affairs,

say Simeon Kriesberg and Jing Zhang of Mayer Brown LLP.

LEGAL INDUSTRY

Same Pay But More Bennies Is The Deal At Many Firms

The legal environment's improved stability spurred more law firms to offer broader benefits packages, while compensation for most jobs at firms remained relatively steady, a new survey found.

Women, Minorities Can't Get Foothold In Firms, Report Says

Women and minorities are still struggling to break through in law firms throughout the country, according to the National Association for Law Placement's annual diversity report, released on Wednesday, with only small gains seen in 2016 among associate and partner ranks.

IP Atty At Herbert Smith Spinoff Charged With Groping Jogger

An Australian lawyer with FPA Patent Attorneys, which maintains an exclusive referral relationship with Herbert Smith Freehills, has been charged with assault after allegedly attacking a female jogger last week in a park near Sydney's North Shore.

Katten Prevails In Del. High Court Charging Lien Appeal

The Delaware high court Tuesday reversed a lower court decision that blocked a Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP charging lien against a \$275,000 fee award that went to a former client for work partially paid for under an hourly fee deal.

Clifford Chance Sees Revenue Rise Amid Euro Business Drop

Despite a revenue dip for Clifford Chance LLP's business in continental Europe in 2016, the global law firm made positive strides elsewhere,

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previously approved projects because they do not fall under land use laws that prevent regulations from being applied retroactively.

Tillerson To Cut Exxon Ties If Confirmed As Sec. Of State

Now-former Exxon Mobil Corp. CEO Rex Tillerson will give up control of hundreds of millions of dollars in stock awards and other compensation perks as part of a deal to sever all ties with his former company if he is confirmed as U.S. secretary of state, ExxonMobil said on Tuesday.

NJ Wind Farm Misses Deadline, Shot At \$40M In DOE Funding

A proposed 24-megawatt wind farm off the coast of Atlantic City, New Jersey, remains dead in the water after the company behind the plan missed a year-end deadline that would've made \$40 million in U.S. Department of Energy funding available for the project, the agency said Wednesday.

Calif. High Court Hears CEQA Row Over Coastal Project

A conservancy group asked the California Supreme Court Wednesday to reverse a lower court's finding that Newport Beach properly approved the building of housing and shops on undeveloped coastland known as the Banning Ranch, arguing the city violated the California Environmental Quality Act by failing to identify sensitive wildlife habitats on the site in its environmental impact report.

EPA Will Review Drilling Waste Regs To Settle Enviros' Suit

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has agreed to review and potentially update its oil and gas drilling waste disposal rules to settle a suit brought by environmental groups, a move blasted by a Texas energy regulator Tuesday as unnecessarily trampling over state regulation of drilling waste disposal.

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HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES

Congress Takes First Steps To Repeal Affordable Care Act

Congressional Republicans took the first votes on the path to repealing the Affordable Care Act on Wednesday, as Vice President-elect Mike Pence promised that repeal will be the "first order" of the new administration.

HHS Must Clear Hospital Appeals Backlog, Judge Rules

A D.C. federal judge refused Wednesday to rescind an order requiring the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to clear a huge backlog of hospital billing claims, despite government assertions that meritless claims will inevitably be paid.

MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT

Fla. Bill Specifies That Fantasy Sports Are Not Gambling

A bill filed Wednesday in the Florida House of Representatives renews efforts to legalize payto-play daily fantasy sports in the state, with the sponsor saying he hopes a simplified approach will lead to passage where proposals introduced in 2016 failed.

Clock Starts On Maryland Daily Fantasy Sports Regulations

Maryland has adopted a series of daily fantasy sports regulations, the state Office of the Comptroller announced Tuesday, becoming the latest state to regulate the industry amid uncertainty over the legality of contests.

PRIVACY

Former Federal Officials Want Probe Into Russia Hacks

A group of prominent former intelligence and foreign policy officials called on Congress on Wednesday to establish an independent

commission to investigate Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election, saying independent study was necessary to properly understand "what we can do to protect our democracy."

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

GWB Defendants Ask Court To Toss Novel Convictions

Two people convicted in the George Washington Bridge lane-closing scandal urged a New Jersey federal court Tuesday to toss the guilty verdict based on a recent First Circuit decision, saying that ruling shows courts are reining in such novel uses of federal criminal statutes.

EMPLOYMENT

NLRB Says 6th Circ. Wrong To OK County Right-To-Work Law

The Sixth Circuit wrongly interpreted labor law and broke with about seven decades of legal precedent when it upheld the Hardin County, Kentucky, right-to-work ordinance, the National Labor Relations Board said in a recent amicus brief asking the appellate court to review the decision en banc.

PRIVACY & CONSUMER PROTECTION

White House Revamps Breach Response, Reporting Policies

The White House on Tuesday laid out updated parameters for federal agencies to follow when preparing for and responding to data breaches and for complying with a federal statute that governs the disclosure of the personal information they hold.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

CBO Says Trump's 350-Ship Navy Plan To Cost \$25B Per Year

President-elect Donald Trump ₹ 0s plan for a 350-vessel U.S. Navy could cost around \$25 billion per year, well above the historical average for Navy shipbuilding, and would likely need assistance from Congress, the Congressional Budget Office said in a report Wednesday.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

With Steel Under Scrutiny, US Keeps Monitoring Tool In Place

The U.S. Department of Commerce will grant a five-year extension to a popular steel import monitoring program, the agency revealed Wednesday, keeping in place a valuable tool for a domestic industry that is fiercely at odds with its overseas competitors.

Small ISPs Ask Pols For Relief From FCC Transparency Rules

Four trade associations representing small cable, broadband and wireless groups asked several lawmakers Tuesday to move forward with legislation to prevent heightened Federal Communications Commission transparency rules from going into effect for small providers, saying their members need certainty.

Azevedo Sees No Opposition In Bid To Remain WTO Chief

Current World Trade Organization Director-General Roberto Azevedo will have no challengers in his effort to secure a second term as the top man in Geneva, the WTO revealed Wednesday.

TAX

Democrats Seek To Block Trump Nominees' Tax Dodges

Four Democratic U.S. senators have reintroduced legislation that would prevent

President-elect Donald Trump's cabinet nominees, several of whom are billionaires, from avoiding millions in taxes when selling assets to comply with ethics rules, according to a Tuesday statement.

Md. Bill Aims To Force Prez Contenders To Reveal Tax Info

Two Maryland Democrats said Tuesday they are introducing a state bill that would require U.S. presidential candidates to release their tax returns to appear on the Maryland ballot, joining other lawmakers in floating legislation as a response to President-elect Donald Trump's refusal to disclose his tax records.

IMMIGRATION

Holder, Covington To Help Calif. Resist Trump Changes

Covington & Burling LLP partner and former U.S. Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. will lead the charge in advising the California Legislature on legal challenges from the incoming administration in areas including immigration, health care and the environment, state legislative leaders said Wednesday.

DACA Personal Info Can't Be Used For Deportation, DHS Says

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson has told federal lawmakers that the personal information provided by hundreds of thousands of young immigrants in applications for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program should not be used to deport them except in extreme circumstances.

NATIVE AMERICAN

Ariz. Tribe Asks Judge to Reconsider In Casino Fight

The Tohono O'odham Nation pressed a federal judge on Tuesday to rethink denying its bid for a quick win a suit against the head of Arizona's

gambling department over its right to offer Las Vegas-style gambling near Phoenix, a decision that set the stage for a trial this year.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

FCC OKs Univision Foreign Ownership Over 25 Percent Limit

The Federal Communications Commission on Tuesday agreed to allow foreign ownership of Univision Holdings Inc. beyond the usual 25 percent limit, permitting business partner Grupo Televisa S.A.B. a larger stake and finding that the ruling won't hurt the public interest.

Obama Renominates Rosenworcel To Second FCC Term

President Barack Obama nominated recently departed Federal Communications Commission Democrat Jessica Rosenworcel to another term on Wednesday, one day after she finished her first term and two weeks before Republican President-elect Donald Trump takes office.

Senators Question Charter, Comcast On Misleading Fees

The top Democrat and Republican on the Senate's Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations said Tuesday that they have sought information from Comcast Corp. and Charter Communications Inc. over confusing bill fees and promotional advertising.

EXPERT ANALYSIS

Key Goals For The Next Secretary Of Transportation

President-elect Trump has stated his intent to nominate Elaine Chao as his secretary of transportation. Chao is the wife of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and a consummate Washington insider. To achieve success, she must be a visionary, creative and aggressive leader who will work with a diverse group of stakeholders and hold Congress accountable in key areas, says Kathryn Thomson of Morrison & Foerster LLP.

Time To Reopen Some DOJ Antitrust Field Offices

President-elect Donald Trump has pledged to spend up to \$1 trillion upgrading America's infrastructure. To help ensure that money is spent free from corruption, the incoming administration should reopen at least two of the four Antitrust Division field offices that were shuttered in January 2013, says Robert Connolly of GeyerGorey LLP.

Small-Employer Relief In Cures Act Includes A Few Hurdles

Tucked at the very end of the recently enacted 21st Century Cures Act is a provision allowing certain small employers to offer their employees a health reimbursement arrangement that need not be "integrated" with a group health plan. Employers should understand, however, that this new vehicle comes with a raft of restrictions, says Kenneth Mason of Spencer Fane LLP.

The Future Of SEC Administrative Proceedings

Last week, the Tenth Circuit in Bandimere v. U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission found that the SEC歹 0s use of administrative law judges violated the U.S. Constitution. The decision is a significant one, but it may not be the final word, say attorneys with Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP.

US Sanctions Against Russia: Outlook Under President Trump

President-elect Donald Trump has expressed admiration for Russian President Vladimir Putin, leading many to speculate that Trump's administration may relax U.S. sanctions against Russia. However, Congress has a less favorable view of Russia's role in world affairs,

say Simeon Kriesberg and Jing Zhang of Mayer Brown LLP.

LEGAL INDUSTRY

Same Pay But More Bennies Is The Deal At Many Firms

The legal environment's improved stability spurred more law firms to offer broader benefits packages, while compensation for most jobs at firms remained relatively steady, a new survey found.

Women, Minorities Can't Get Foothold In Firms, Report Says

Women and minorities are still struggling to break through in law firms throughout the country, according to the National Association for Law Placement's annual diversity report, released on Wednesday, with only small gains seen in 2016 among associate and partner ranks.

IP Atty At Herbert Smith Spinoff Charged With Groping Jogger

An Australian lawyer with FPA Patent Attorneys, which maintains an exclusive referral relationship with Herbert Smith Freehills, has been charged with assault after allegedly attacking a female jogger last week in a park near Sydney's North Shore.

Katten Prevails In Del. High Court Charging Lien Appeal

The Delaware high court Tuesday reversed a lower court decision that blocked a Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP charging lien against a \$275,000 fee award that went to a former client for work partially paid for under an hourly fee deal.

Clifford Chance Sees Revenue Rise Amid Euro Business Drop

Despite a revenue dip for Clifford Chance LLP's business in continental Europe in 2016, the global law firm made positive strides elsewhere,

posting a 3 percent bump overall, according to a Jan. 3 financial filing in the U.K.

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TOP NEWS

Trump Taps Ex-Gibson Dunn Atty For Immigration Policy Job

An ex-Gibson Dunn attorney and former staffer for the presidential campaign of Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, has been picked for a White House job involving regulatory reform and immigration policy, the Trump transition team announced Thursday as it unveiled a slew of Domestic Policy Council appointments.

Chevron Doctrine Repeal Teed Up For House Vote

The House of Representatives will vote next week to overturn the Supreme Court's longstanding Chevron doctrine, which defers to government agency legal interpretations, as part of a larger campaign to pull back on federal rulemaking powers.

Analysis

4 Changes EEOC May Face Under Trump

While the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has not been at the forefront of President-elect Donald Trump's agenda to this point, the commission could soon face alterations to its strategic plan and budget cuts once the new administration and Republican-controlled Congress are in place. Here, Law360

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examines four potential changes that could befall the agency in the coming years.

Lawmakers, Experts Lay Out Cybersecurity Plan For Trump

A cyber policy task force including a bipartisan pair of federal lawmakers has urged the incoming Trump administration to step up efforts to fight cybercrime and prevent cyberattacks, including by strengthening the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's oversight over cybersecurity.

Trump Picks Ex-Indiana Sen. For Intelligence Chief

Retired Sen. Dan Coats, R-Ind., has been tapped by Donald Trump to serve as the national intelligence director amid sparring between the president-elect and the U.S. intelligence community over Russian interference in the 2016 election.

Analysis

Obama's Fight Against Climate Change Is His Energy Legacy

From sweeping domestic regulations such as the Clean Power Plan to major international deals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, outgoing President Barack Obama's efforts to combat climate change are the centerpiece of his energy policy legacy, and experts say that legacy that will be difficult for President-elect Donald J. Trump to completely unwind.

Analysis

5 FCA Issues To Watch As Trump Takes Power

The intense False Claims Act enforcement that played out during President Barack Obama's tenure will likely continue during the Trump administration, but the plaintiffs bar may have to carry a bit more weight, experts say. Here are five key issues to watch.

Intel Brief Says Putin Ordered Election Hacks To Aid Trump

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A U.S. intelligence report made public Friday pins the impetus for Russian interference with the recent U.S. election directly on Russian President Vladimir Putin, saying he had ordered an "influence campaign" intended to help President-elect Donald Trump win the White House.

BANKING & SECURITIES

SEC Judge Says 10th Circ. Ruling Doesn't Warrant Dismissal

An administrative law judge at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission refused Thursday to disqualify himself from or dismiss outright the case of a Kansas man who wanted his proceeding dropped after a recent Tenth Circuit decision saying the hiring — rather than appointment — of ALJs violates the Constitution.

US Chamber Protests Posed Commodities Rules For Banks

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce on Thursday protested a proposed U.S. Federal Reserve rule change tightening the regulations for commodity ownership by banks, saying the agency is overstating the risks and underestimating the economic impact.

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL

Long-Shot Bill Would Ban West Coast Offshore Drilling

A group of six West Coast Democratic senators announced the introduction of the West Coast Ocean Protection Act on Thursday, a bill aimed at permanently prohibiting drilling off America's Pacific Coast, although the plan would have to be approved by a Republican-led Congress and an incoming administration that has pledged support for fossil fuels.

Fed. Gov't Nixes Airgun Seismic Survey Permits In Atlantic

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Microsoft Corporation

Morgan Stanley

NJ Transit Corp.

National Association of

Broadcasters

National Federation of Independent Business

Natural Resources Defense

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New England Council

New York Times Co.

New York University

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management on Friday denied six permit applications to conduct airgun seismic surveys off the Atlantic coast, saying there's less need for oil and gas exploration since President Barack Obama removed the area from a five-year oil and gas leasing program.

Gov't Greenlights Emissions Fix For Some VW Diesel Cars

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the California Air Resources Board on Friday announced their approval of a technical modification to a limited number of newer Volkswagen diesel cars found to be skirting emissions standards that will drastically cut the current emissions from the cars.

NJ Ratepayer Advocate Blasts Proposed \$111M Utility Project

The New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel on Friday offered a sharp critique of a FirstEnergy Corp. unit's proposed 10-mile transmission line, questioning the need for the \$111 million project and whether other alternatives have been fully considered.

Fla., Ga. Ordered To Try To Settle Water-Use Dispute

A U.S. Supreme Court-appointed special master on Tuesday ordered Florida and Georgia to the bargaining table to try to hammer out a settlement in their dispute over water from the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint river basins.

Idaho Loses Protest Over Sage Grouse Habitat Plan

A Washington, D.C., federal judge on Thursday tossed Idaho's challenge to the U.S. Department of Interior and Department of Agriculture's plan to protect the greater sage grouse in the state, ruling Gov. Butch Otter failed to identify an injury that would give him grounds to sue.

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Immigration Services

Bureau of Labor Statistics

Bureau of Ocean Energy

Management

California Attorney General's Office

EPA Floats Rule On Toxic Chemical Reporting For Gas Plants

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Friday proposed a rule that would require natural gas processing facilities to publicly disclose more information on chemical releases and other waste management activities.

Enviros' Bull Trout Suit Should Be Tossed, Judge Says

A magistrate judge on Thursday recommended granting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's bid to dismiss a complaint alleging it hasn't done enough to protect the bull trout's cold-water habitat from global warming, saying the court lacked jurisdiction because the plan in question doesn't qualify as a final agency action.

HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES

Justices Urged To Clarify Standard For Restricting Speech

A group of chiropractors looking to overturn a Kentucky anti-solicitation law that prevents them from alerting car accident victims that they're entitled to free medical benefits has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to decide when content-based restrictions are subject to heightened scrutiny.

CMS Extends Ban On 6 States' Ambulance, Home Health Cos.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on Friday again expanded a temporary ban on nonemergency ambulance suppliers and home health care agencies in six states from enrolling in Medicare and Medicaid for six months, saying the prohibition has helped fight fraud and abuse.

DOJ Subpoenas DaVita, Fresenius Over Dialysis Aid Program

DaVita Inc. and Fresenius Medical Care have been subpoenaed by the U.S. Attorney's Office in Boston regarding an arrangement in which their charitable donations fund dialysis

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treatment for patients, the companies said Friday, the same day they sued the government over a rule change affecting patient insurance coverage.

IP & TECHNOLOGY

Giving Pfizer Rebate Info To Lawmakers Legal, Texas Says

The Texas Health and Human Services
Commission on Friday told a Texas federal
court that it didn't violate any laws by providing
Pfizer Inc.'s drug pricing and rebate information
to two state legislators because the public
information act provides explicit exceptions for
lawmakers.

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

FAA Chief Says Drone Flight-Over-People Rule Still In Works

The Federal Aviation Administration chief said Friday that the agency is still ironing out privacy and security concerns before it can finalize proposed regulations allowing the commercial use of small unmanned aircraft systems, or drones, over people for the first time.

NYC Cab Driver Asks High Court To Hear GPS Tracking Case

A New York City taxi driver wants the U.S. Supreme Court to decide on whether drivers tracked via GPS devices in their cabs have Fourth Amendment rights when they didn't own the vehicles at the time the tracking devices were installed, saying that circuit courts have made conflicting rulings on the issue.

REAL ESTATE

Calif. Town Didn't Disclose Wal-Mart-Funded Election

A California appeals court on Thursday partially affirmed a lower court's ruling that found a town council failed to properly notify the public that it

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

U.S. House of Representatives

U.S. Senate

U.S. Supreme Court Wyoming Legislature was voting on Wal-Mart Stores Inc.'s offer to pay more than \$700,000 to fund a vote on a proposed 30-acre commercial development that included a Wal-Mart Supercenter

EMPLOYMENT

Kentucky Right-To-Work Bill On Fast Track After House Vote

The Kentucky House of Representatives on Thursday passed a right-to-work bill, putting it on a fast track that could see the proposal become law over the weekend.

PRIVACY & CONSUMER PROTECTION

NY Gov. Calls For Tougher Cybercrime Laws, Response Team

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo on Friday unveiled a series of legislative priorities and other reforms designed to protect government agencies and citizens from cybercrime, including a proposal to strengthen hacking and identity theft laws as well as the creation of a cyber incident response team for the state.

NH Asks Supreme Court To Reinstate Voting Booth Selfie Ban

New Hampshire's secretary of state has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to reinstate its voting booth selfie ban, saying that the First Circuit erred in finding that the law violated the First Amendment.

IMDb Seeks To Bar Calif. AG From Enforcing Privacy Law

Online movie database IMDb.com asked a California federal judge Thursday to keep the state's attorney general from enforcing a law that requires online entertainment employment boards to remove the ages of film industry people from profiles, saying its constitutional rights will be violated unless the court intervenes.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

Debriefings Don't Lead To More Protests, Agencies Told

The Office of Federal Procurement Policy issued a memo Thursday urging federal agencies to improve the debriefings they give to government contract bidders, saying commonly raised concerns such as debriefings' leading to bid protests are largely incorrect.

Reps Ask Contractor For Info On DOD's \$125B Waste Report

House Oversight Committee members on Thursday asked consulting firm McKinsey & Co. to explain its role in a study that identified \$125 billion in savings for the U.S. Department of Defense, which recently surfaced after the Pentagon reportedly buried it due to a fear of losing funding.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Trump Beefs Up New Trade Council With 2 Appointments

President-elect Donald Trump on Thursday added two members to his new White House-level trade advisory panel, tapping defense adviser Alexander Gray and former U.S. Chamber of Commerce Vice President Rolf Lundberg to join his team.

TAX

Wyo. Introduces Bill To Fight High Court's Sales Tax Ruling

Wyoming became the latest state to formally fight a controversial U.S. Supreme Court ruling requiring retailers to have a physical presence in a state to collect transaction taxes after it introduced a bill requiring out-of-state vendors to remit these taxes

Tax Group Urges High Court To Review Mich. Tax Deal Spat

A state tax policy advocacy group has joined the slog over Michigan's decision to retroactively withdraw from a multistate tax agreement, upheld by Michigan's high court in June, urging the U.S. Supreme Court to hear the case.

Philly Urges Pa. Justices To Hear Soda Tax Challenge

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court was urged in a petition Friday to assume special jurisdiction over a pending appeal following the dismissal of a lawsuit challenging the city of Philadelphia's new tax on sugar-sweetened drinks and diet soda

IMMIGRATION

Immigration Bill Roundup: Religion-Based Lists, Work Visas

Members of the 115th Congress introduced a slew of immigration-related bills during the session's first week, including measures that would seek to block any religion-based registry of immigrants and that would amend the eligibility requirements for obtaining work visas.

Trump Says Mexico Will Repay For Wall, But Questions Loom

Speculation over how the U.S. would pay for a possible border wall kicked up again Friday as President-elect Donald Trump claimed Mexico would eventually reimburse the U.S. for the southern barrier, although it is far from clear how Mexico would be forced to cough up the funds.

Docs Must Meet US Acclaim Standards For Exam Exemption

To be considered a "physician of national or international renown," a status exempting foreign doctors from the U.S. medical licensing requirement, a doctor's achievements leading to "national renown" must be ones that would warrant such a status in the United States, the

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services said this week.

NATIVE AMERICAN

Hoeven, Udall Elected To Top Spots On Senate Indian Panel

Sen. John Hoeven, R-N.D., and Sen. Tom Udali, D-N.M., pledged to work across the aisle to support legislation benefiting Native Americans after they were elected Thursday as the new chairman and vice chairman, respectively, of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Broadcasters Slam Microsoft's Vacant Channel Push

Broadcasters on Friday blasted Microsoft Corp. and others' request that the Federal Communications Commission preserve vacant TV channel space for public use, saying the move is lobbying on behalf of Google Inc. to keep the space free for the tech giant's own unlicensed use.

Cable Group Bashes FCC's 5G Cybersecurity Reporting Rule

NCTA – The Internet & Television Association has urged the Office of Management and Budget to reject a Federal Communications Commission rule to require public cybersecurity plan disclosures under its 5G spectrum proposal, disclosures the trade group says are burdensome and could expose companies to hacking.

Q&A

5 Insights From General Electric's Alex Dimitrief

"Data sovereignty? D is a recent trend with important consequences for GE's future as a digital industrial company. The technical challenges alone are immense. But

compounding those challenges are the growing number of countries considering laws that would impede the flow of data across national borders, says Alex Dimitrief, general counsel of General Electric Co.

EXPERT ANALYSIS

In Congress: Obamacare, The Cabinet

Republican leaders in Congress plan to take the initial steps toward repealing and replacing Obamacare this week, hoping to deliver on the campaign promises made by most Republicans over the past six years and by President-elect Trump during the 2016 election cycle, say Richard Hertling and Kaitlyn McClure of Covington & Burling LLP.

Is Restaurant Menu Labeling On ACA Chopping Block?

The Affordable Care Act contains a number of provisions not ordinarily associated with health care, including nutrition labeling of menu items for chain restaurants and retail food establishments. With the Trump administration working to fulfill its repeal and replace campaign promise, Michael Walsh of Strasburger & Price LLP looks at the current status of the menu labeling rule, its viability and some of its untested challenges.

For US Citizens In Israel, Time To Face Up To FATCA

In accord with the U.S. Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act, Israeli financial institutions must now report their U.S. account holders' personal and financial information to Israeli authorities, who will send that information to the IRS. Accordingly, Americans with substantial assets in Israel must either comply with the law's obligations, or prepare for the consequences of enforcement, say Robert Henoch and Will Rosenzweig of Kobre & Kim LLP.

Initial Reactions To Bank Charter Plan For Fintech Cos.

While many financial technology companies will welcome the decision by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency to provide fintech companies with the option to become chartered as special-purpose national banks, some banks and state regulators may have some concerns, say attorneys with Latham & Watkins LLP.

Time Is Running Out For Auto Cybersecurity Standards

According to a new report from Billington Cybersecurity, the automotive industry needs to adopt tougher cybersecurity standards for autonomous vehicles. However, at a time when we cannot wait to create a defense, legislation aimed at establishing federal standards to secure automobiles and protect drivers' privacy is failing to pass, says Jonathan Michaels of MLG Automotive Law APLC.

New Water Act Is A 'WIIN' For Infrastructure

Last month, in a strong display of bipartisanship in an otherwise tense post-election political climate, Congress passed the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act. The law includes certain provisions that may be of particular interest to private sector entities pursuing investments in the water sector, including investments through public-private partnerships, says Paul Epstein-of Shearman & Sterling LLP.

LEGAL INDUSTRY

2 Law Firms Ring In The New Year With Associate Raises

Philadelphia-based Blank Rome LLP is set to join the ranks of law firms that pay associates \$180,000-a-year base salaries, the firm confirmed Friday, while California litigation boutique Dovel & Luner LLP has upped its game with \$200,000 salaries for first-year associates.

Litigation Is Being Diced Up And Doled Out, Paper Says

Clients are increasingly unbundling legal services in an attempt to control costs, doling out bits and pieces of litigation to contract attorneys, alternative legal services providers and others, leaving law firms to grapple with a shifting role in client matters, according to a forthcoming academic paper.

A Map Of Kirkland's Conflict Maze In Turkish Trader Case

The conflict knots around appellate all-star Paul Clement and the Kirkland & Ellis LLP team representing a Turkish trader accused of defrauding megabanks also on the firm's client roster have produced a few unusual proposed solutions. Here are some key points about the Kirkland conflict conundrum.

GC Cheat Sheet: The Hottest Corporate News Of The Week

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An ex-Gibson Dunn attorney and former staffer for the presidential campaign of Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, has been picked for a White House job involving regulatory reform and immigration policy, the Trump transition team announced Thursday as it unveiled a slew of Domestic Policy Council appointments.

Chevron Doctrine Repeal Teed Up For House Vote

The House of Representatives will vote next week to overturn the Supreme Court's longstanding Chevron doctrine, which defers to government agency legal interpretations, as part of a larger campaign to pull back on federal rulemaking powers.

Analysis

4 Changes EEOC May Face Under Trump

While the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has not been at the forefront of President-elect Donald Trump's agenda to this point, the commission could soon face alterations to its strategic plan and budget cuts once the new administration and Republican-controlled Congress are in place. Here, Law360

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examines four potential changes that could befall the agency in the coming years.

Lawmakers, Experts Lay Out Cybersecurity Plan For Trump

A cyber policy task force including a bipartisan pair of federal lawmakers has urged the incoming Trump administration to step up efforts to fight cybercrime and prevent cyberattacks, including by strengthening the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's oversight over cybersecurity.

Trump Picks Ex-Indiana Sen. For Intelligence Chief

Retired Sen. Dan Coats, R-Ind., has been tapped by Donald Trump to serve as the national intelligence director amid sparring between the president-elect and the U.S. intelligence community over Russian interference in the 2016 election.

Analysis

Obama's Fight Against Climate Change Is His Energy Legacy

From sweeping domestic regulations such as the Clean Power Plan to major international deals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, outgoing President Barack Obama's efforts to combat climate change are the centerpiece of his energy policy legacy, and experts say that legacy that will be difficult for President-elect Donald J. Trump to completely unwind.

Analysis

5 FCA Issues To Watch As Trump Takes Power

The intense False Claims Act enforcement that played out during President Barack Obama's tenure will likely continue during the Trump administration, but the plaintiffs bar may have to carry a bit more weight, experts say. Here are five key issues to watch.

Intel Brief Says Putin Ordered Election Hacks To Aid Trump

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A U.S. intelligence report made public Friday pins the impetus for Russian interference with the recent U.S. election directly on Russian President Vladimir Putin, saying he had ordered an "influence campaign" intended to help President-elect Donald Trump win the White House.

BANKING & SECURITIES

SEC Judge Says 10th Circ. Ruling Doesn't Warrant Dismissal

An administrative law judge at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission refused Thursday to disqualify himself from or dismiss outright the case of a Kansas man who wanted his proceeding dropped after a recent Tenth Circuit decision saying the hiring — rather than appointment — of ALJs violates the Constitution.

US Chamber Protests Posed Commodities Rules For Banks

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce on Thursday protested a proposed U.S. Federal Reserve rule change tightening the regulations for commodity ownership by banks, saying the agency is overstating the risks and underestimating the economic impact.

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL

Long-Shot Bill Would Ban West Coast Offshore Drilling

A group of six West Coast Democratic senators announced the introduction of the West Coast Ocean Protection Act on Thursday, a bill aimed at permanently prohibiting drilling off America's Pacific Coast, although the plan would have to be approved by a Republican-led Congress and an incoming administration that has pledged support for fossil fuels.

Fed. Gov't Nixes Airgun Seismic Survey Permits In Atlantic

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Kirkland's, Inc.

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Microsoft Corporation

Morgan Stanley

NJ Transit Corp.

National Association of

Broadcasters

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Independent Business

Natural Resources Defense Council

New England Council

New York Times Co.

New York University

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management on Friday denied six permit applications to conduct airgun seismic surveys off the Atlantic coast, saying there's less need for oil and gas exploration since President Barack Obama removed the area from a five-year oil and gas leasing program.

Gov't Greenlights Emissions Fix For Some VW Diesel Cars

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the California Air Resources Board on Friday announced their approval of a technical modification to a limited number of newer Volkswagen diesel cars found to be skirting emissions standards that will drastically cut the current emissions from the cars.

NJ Ratepayer Advocate Blasts Proposed \$111M Utility Project

The New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel on Friday offered a sharp critique of a FirstEnergy Corp. unit's proposed 10-mile transmission line, questioning the need for the \$111 million project and whether other alternatives have been fully considered.

Fla., Ga. Ordered To Try To Settle Water-Use Dispute

A U.S. Supreme Court-appointed special master on Tuesday ordered Florida and Georgia to the bargaining table to try to hammer out a settlement in their dispute over water from the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint river basins.

Idaho Loses Protest Over Sage Grouse Habitat Plan

A Washington, D.C., federal judge on Thursday tossed Idaho's challenge to the U.S. Department of Interior and Department of Agriculture's plan to protect the greater sage grouse in the state, ruling Gov. Butch Otter failed to identify an injury that would give him arounds to sue.

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Immigration Services

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Management

California Attorney General's Office

EPA Floats Rule On Toxic Chemical Reporting For Gas Plants

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Friday proposed a rule that would require natural gas processing facilities to publicly disclose more information on chemical releases and other waste management activities.

Enviros' Bull Trout Suit Should Be Tossed, Judge Says

A magistrate judge on Thursday recommended granting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's bid to dismiss a complaint alleging it hasn't done enough to protect the bull trout's cold-water habitat from global warming, saying the court lacked jurisdiction because the plan in question doesn't qualify as a final agency action.

HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES

Justices Urged To Clarify Standard For Restricting Speech

A group of chiropractors looking to overturn a Kentucky anti-solicitation law that prevents them from alerting car accident victims that they're entitled to free medical benefits has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to decide when content-based restrictions are subject to heightened scrutiny.

CMS Extends Ban On 6 States' Ambulance, Home Health Cos.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on Friday again expanded a temporary ban on nonemergency ambulance suppliers and home health care agencies in six states from enrolling in Medicare and Medicaid for six months, saying the prohibition has helped fight fraud and abuse.

DOJ Subpoenas DaVita, Fresenius Over Dialysis Aid Program

DaVita Inc. and Fresenius Medical Care have been subpoenaed by the U.S. Attorney's Office in Boston regarding an arrangement in which their charitable donations fund dialysis California Environmental Protection Agency Central Intelligence Agency Commodity Futures Trading Commission Dallas Fort Worth International Airport Delaware Court of Chancery Department of Commerce **Energy Information Administration Equal Employment Opportunity** Commission Executive Office of the President Federal Aviation Administration Federal Bureau of Investigation **Federal Communications** Commission Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. Federal Reserve System Federal Trade Commission Fish and Wildlife Service Florida Department of **Environmental Protection** Food and Drug Administration Idaho Legislature Immigration and Customs Enforcement Internal Revenue Service International Monetary Fund Miami International Airport Michigan Department of Treasury NATO National Aeronautics and Space Administration National Economic Council National Highway Traffic Safety Administration National Labor Relations Board

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treatment for patients, the companies said Friday, the same day they sued the government over a rule change affecting patient insurance coverage.

IP & TECHNOLOGY

Giving Pfizer Rebate Info To Lawmakers Legal, Texas Says

The Texas Health and Human Services
Commission on Friday told a Texas federal
court that it didn't violate any laws by providing
Pfizer Inc.'s drug pricing and rebate information
to two state legislators because the public
information act provides explicit exceptions for
lawmakers.

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

FAA Chief Says Drone Flight-Over-People Rule Still In Works

The Federal Aviation Administration chief said Friday that the agency is still ironing out privacy and security concerns before it can finalize proposed regulations allowing the commercial use of small unmanned aircraft systems, or drones, over people for the first time.

NYC Cab Driver Asks High Court To Hear GPS Tracking Case

A New York City taxi driver wants the U.S. Supreme Court to decide on whether drivers tracked via GPS devices in their cabs have Fourth Amendment rights when they didn't own the vehicles at the time the tracking devices were installed, saying that circuit courts have made conflicting rulings on the issue.

REAL ESTATE

Calif. Town Didn't Disclose Wal-Mart-Funded Election

A California appeals court on Thursday partially affirmed a lower court's ruling that found a town council failed to properly notify the public that it

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New York Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services

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was voting on Wal-Mart Stores Inc.'s offer to pay more than \$700,000 to fund a vote on a proposed 30-acre commercial development that included a Wal-Mart Supercenter

EMPLOYMENT

Kentucky Right-To-Work Bill On Fast Track After House Vote

The Kentucky House of Representatives on Thursday passed a right-to-work bill, putting it on a fast track that could see the proposal become law over the weekend.

PRIVACY & CONSUMER PROTECTION

NY Gov. Calls For Tougher Cybercrime Laws, Response Team

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo on Friday unveiled a series of legislative priorities and other reforms designed to protect government agencies and citizens from cybercrime, including a proposal to strengthen hacking and identity theft laws as well as the creation of a cyber incident response team for the state.

NH Asks Supreme Court To Reinstate Voting Booth Selfie Ban

New Hampshire's secretary of state has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to reinstate its voting booth selfie ban, saying that the First Circuit erred in finding that the law violated the First Amendment.

IMDb Seeks To Bar Calif. AG From Enforcing Privacy Law

Online movie database IMDb.com asked a California federal judge Thursday to keep the state's attorney general from enforcing a law that requires online entertainment employment boards to remove the ages of film industry people from profiles, saying its constitutional rights will be violated unless the court intervenes.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

Debriefings Don't Lead To More Protests, Agencies Told

The Office of Federal Procurement Policy issued a memo Thursday urging federal agencies to improve the debriefings they give to government contract bidders, saying commonly raised concerns such as debriefings' leading to bid protests are largely incorrect.

Reps Ask Contractor For Info On DOD's \$125B Waste Report

House Oversight Committee members on Thursday asked consulting firm McKinsey & Co. to explain its role in a study that identified \$125 billion in savings for the U.S. Department of Defense, which recently surfaced after the Pentagon reportedly buried it due to a fear of losing funding.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Trump Beefs Up New Trade Council With 2 Appointments

President-elect Donald Trump on Thursday added two members to his new White House-level trade advisory panel, tapping defense adviser Alexander Gray and former U.S. Chamber of Commerce Vice President Rolf Lundberg to join his team.

TAX

Wyo. Introduces Bill To Fight High Court's Sales Tax Ruling

Wyoming became the latest state to formally fight a controversial U.S. Supreme Court ruling requiring retailers to have a physical presence in a state to collect transaction taxes after it introduced a bill requiring out-of-state vendors to remit these taxes

Tax Group Urges High Court To Review Mich. Tax Deal Spat

A state tax policy advocacy group has joined the slog over Michigan's decision to retroactively withdraw from a multistate tax agreement, upheld by Michigan's high court in June, urging the U.S. Supreme Court to hear the case.

Philly Urges Pa. Justices To Hear Soda Tax Challenge

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court was urged in a petition Friday to assume special jurisdiction over a pending appeal following the dismissal of a lawsuit challenging the city of Philadelphia's new tax on sugar-sweetened drinks and diet soda.

IMMIGRATION

Immigration Bill Roundup: Religion-Based Lists. Work Visas

Members of the 115th Congress introduced a slew of immigration-related bills during the session's first week, including measures that would seek to block any religion-based registry of immigrants and that would amend the eligibility requirements for obtaining work visas.

Trump Says Mexico Will Repay For Wall, But Questions Loom

Speculation over how the U.S. would pay for a possible border wall kicked up again Friday as President-elect Donald Trump claimed Mexico would eventually reimburse the U.S. for the southern barrier, although it is far from clear how Mexico would be forced to cough up the funds.

Docs Must Meet US Acclaim Standards For Exam Exemption

To be considered a "physician of national or international renown," a status exempting foreign doctors from the U.S. medical licensing requirement, a doctor's achievements leading to "national renown" must be ones that would warrant such a status in the United States, the

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services said this week.

NATIVE AMERICAN

Hoeven, Udall Elected To Top Spots On Senate Indian Panel

Sen. John Hoeven, R-N.D., and Sen. Tom Udall, D-N.M., pledged to work across the aisle to support legislation benefiting Native Americans after they were elected Thursday as the new chairman and vice chairman, respectively, of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Broadcasters Slam Microsoft's Vacant Channel Push

Broadcasters on Friday blasted Microsoft Corp. and others' request that the Federal Communications Commission preserve vacant TV channel space for public use, saying the move is lobbying on behalf of Google Inc. to keep the space free for the tech giant's own unlicensed use.

Cable Group Bashes FCC's 5G Cybersecurity Reporting Rule

NCTA – The Internet & Television Association has urged the Office of Management and Budget to reject a Federal Communications Commission rule to require public cybersecurity plan disclosures under its 5G spectrum proposal, disclosures the trade group says are burdensome and could expose companies to hacking.

Q&A

5 Insights From General Electric's Alex Dimitrief

"Data sovereignty? D is a recent trend with important consequences for GE's future as a digital industrial company. The technical challenges alone are immense. But

compounding those challenges are the growing number of countries considering laws that would impede the flow of data across national borders, says Alex Dimitrief, general counsel of General Electric Co.

EXPERT ANALYSIS

In Congress: Obamacare, The Cabinet

Republican leaders in Congress plan to take the initial steps toward repealing and replacing Obamacare this week, hoping to deliver on the campaign promises made by most Republicans over the past six years and by President-elect Trump during the 2016 election cycle, say Richard Hertling and Kaitlyn McClure of Covington & Burling LLP.

Is Restaurant Menu Labeling On ACA Chopping Block?

The Affordable Care Act contains a number of provisions not ordinarily associated with health care, including nutrition labeling of menu items for chain restaurants and retail food establishments. With the Trump administration working to fulfill its repeal and replace campaign promise, Michael Walsh of Strasburger & Price LLP looks at the current status of the menu labeling rule, its viability and some of its untested challenges.

For US Citizens In Israel, Time To Face Up To FATCA

In accord with the U.S. Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act, Israeli financial institutions must now report their U.S. account holders' personal and financial information to Israeli authorities, who will send that information to the IRS. Accordingly, Americans with substantial assets in Israel must either comply with the law's obligations, or prepare for the consequences of enforcement, say Robert Henoch and Will Rosenzweig of Kobre & Kim LLP.

Initial Reactions To Bank Charter Plan For Fintech Cos.

While many financial technology companies will welcome the decision by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency to provide fintech companies with the option to become chartered as special-purpose national banks, some banks and state regulators may have some concerns, say attorneys with Latham & Watkins LLP.

Time Is Running Out For Auto Cybersecurity Standards

According to a new report from Billington Cybersecurity, the automotive industry needs to adopt tougher cybersecurity standards for autonomous vehicles. However, at a time when we cannot wait to create a defense, legislation aimed at establishing federal standards to secure automobiles and protect drivers' privacy is failing to pass, says Jonathan Michaels of MLG Automotive Law APLC.

New Water Act Is A 'WIIN' For Infrastructure

Last month, in a strong display of bipartisanship in an otherwise tense post-election political climate, Congress passed the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act. The law includes certain provisions that may be of particular interest to private sector entities pursuing investments in the water sector, including investments through public-private partnerships, says Paul Epstein of Shearman & Sterling LLP.

LEGAL INDUSTRY

2 Law Firms Ring In The New Year With Associate Raises

Philadelphia-based Blank Rome LLP is set to join the ranks of law firms that pay associates \$180,000-a-year base salaries, the firm confirmed Friday, while California litigation boutique Dovel & Luner LLP has upped its game with \$200,000 salaries for first-year associates.

Litigation Is Being Diced Up And Doled Out, Paper Says

Clients are increasingly unbundling legal services in an attempt to control costs, doling out bits and pieces of litigation to contract attorneys, alternative legal services providers and others, leaving law firms to grapple with a shifting role in client matters, according to a forthcoming academic paper.

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